(d) Such charges were held by officers of similar rank in addition to their own duties.

Investment in foreign debt securities by UTI

1419. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether UTI has planned to launch a new scheme for investing in foreign debt securities when the process of privatization is in the offing;

(b) if so, whether UTI has necessary expertise in foreign debts funds;

(c) if not, what steps Government propose to take to safeguard the interests of the investors;

(d) what are the guidelines issued for such investments and whether Mutual Fund Industries have raised any objection in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (c) UTI has intimated that it has examined the possibility of launching a global debt fund. The fund when launched would be managed as per SEBI Regulations by an entity with overseas fund management experience.

(d) and (e) SEBI *vide* its Circular dated 30th March, 2002 and 7th November, 2002, has issued guidelines (details are available on SEBI website www.sebi.gov.in) for investment in foreign securities by Mutual Funds. These guidelines have prescribed norms for mutual funds investing in foreign debt securities which cover due diligence, disclosure requirements, reporting to Trustees, review of performance, reporting to SEBI, application procedure etc. limits on such investments etc. SEBI has intimated that Mutual funds industry has not communicated any objection to it in this regard.

Seizure of properties by DRT

1420. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cases where the Debt Recovery Tribunal have passed orders to attach Government Properties after the Centre/State Governments failed to honour the outstanding loans and counter

guarantee given by the Banks, financial institutions like IDBI and the IFCI; and

(b) if so, the details of bad debts of each of the nationalised banks and the reasons therefor for the last two years;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) Debts Recovery Tribunals have attached the Government properties in 12 cases. Details are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

The details of Bad Debts of nationalised banks as on 31.03.2001 & 31.3.2002 are given in Statement-II. (*See* below) There can be several reasons for bad debts of banks. Some of them are mentioned as under :—

- Deficiency in credit appraisal and post-disbursement supervision.
- Diversion of funds by the borrower and willful default in repayment.
- Inefficient management of the units financed.
- Non-availability of the unit due to change in technology and product demand pattern.
- Non-completion of projects due to cost/time overruns and other factors, such as non-availability of raw material, marketing network etc.
- Labour problems.
- Natural calamities.
- Environmental factors such as ecological damage etc.

Statement-I

DRT	S.No.	Case Details
Ahmedabad	1	Bank of India *vs.* M/s. Gujarat Fisheries Central Cooperative Association Ltd.
Cuttack	2	State Bank of India *vs.* M/s. Orissa Leather Corporation Ltd.
Guwahati	3	UCO Bank *vs.* (1) D.C. Barpeta, (2) State of Assam
	4	UCO Bank *vs.* (1) D.C. Barpeta, (2) State of Assam
	5	SBI *vs.* M/s. Lahari Travels & Ors.
	6	Punjab National Bank *vs.* M/s. Laharee Enterprises
	7	Punjab National Bank *vs.* M/s. P.K. & B.D. Enterprises
	8	UCO Bank *vs.* M/s. Fertichem Ltd. & Anr.
Jabalpur	9	State Bank of India *vs.* M.P.S.R.T.C.
	10	State Bank of India *vs.* Rajya Bhoomi Vikas Nigam
	11	Canara Bank *vs.* State of M.P.
Mumbai No.1	12	ICICI *vs* State of Maharashtra and Ors.

Statement-II

Rupees in Crores

NPAs of Nationalised Banks

Sl. No.	Name of Bank	As on	
		31.03.2001	31.03.2002
1	2	3	4
1	Allahabad Bank	1821.31	2001.85
2	Andhra Bank	470.10	524.14
3	Bank of Baroda	4185.72	4489.29
4	Bank of India	3434.11	3722.41
5	Bank of Maharashtra	876.64	906.42
6	Canara Bank	2242.89	2112.44
7	Central Bank of India	3253.34	3375.69
8	Corporation Bank	484.74	587.05
9	Dena Bank	1928.26	1996.03
10	Indian Bank	2359.07	2175.35
11	Indian Overseas Bank	1631.40	1818.54
12	Oriental Bank of Commerce	585.76	951.79
13	Punjab & Sind Bank	1026.15	1091.84
14	Punjab National Bank	3460.10	4139.85
15	Syndicate Bank	1074.60	1299.13
16	UCO Bank	1284.02	1332.65
17	Union Bank of India	2056.33	2420.48
18	United Bank of India	1411.00	1215.50
19	Vijaya Bank	594.92	602.69
	TOTAL:	34180.46	36763.14

Guidelines for foreign Banks

1421. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India to regulate the functioning of foreign Banks in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the RBI exercises any effective control on these foreign Banks and if so, in what manner;

(d) whether the foreign banks are permitted to close down their business in India at any time without due notice to concerned authorities; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the RBI in such cases to safeguard the